

## COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

**The Senate Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 577, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:**

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning corrections.
- 3 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 4 "SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1999 (RETROACTIVE)]: (a)
- 5 **The following definitions apply throughout this SECTION:**
- 6 (1) "Committee" refers to the youth offender study committee
- 7 established by subsection (b).
- 8 (2) "Youth offender" means an offender (as defined in
- 9 IC 11-8-1-9) who is:
- 10 (A) committed to the department of correction; and
- 11 (B) less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 12 (b) The youth offender study committee is established.
- 13 (c) The committee consists of ten (10) members to be appointed
- 14 as follows:
- 15 (1) Four (4) senators appointed by the president pro tempore
- 16 of the senate in consultation with the minority leader of the
- 17 senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be members of the
- 18 same political party.
- 19 (2) Four (4) representatives appointed by the speaker of the
- 20 house of representatives in consultation with the minority

1 leader of the house of representatives, not more than two (2)  
2 of whom may be members of the same political party.

3 (3) The commissioner of the department of correction or the  
4 commissioner's designee.

5 (4) The budget director or the budget director's designee.

6 (d) The term of a member of the committee described in  
7 subsection (c)(1) through (c)(2) expires on December 31 of the  
8 even-numbered year following the member's appointment.

9 (e) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by appointment  
10 of a replacement member for the unexpired term. The appointing  
11 authority who appointed the vacating member shall appoint the  
12 replacement member.

13 (f) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a  
14 member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee  
15 during the first regular session of a general assembly and as vice  
16 chairperson during the second regular session. The speaker of the  
17 house of representatives shall appoint a member of the committee  
18 to serve as vice chairperson during the first regular session of a  
19 general assembly and as chairperson during the second regular  
20 session.

21 (g) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same  
22 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who  
23 serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, on interim study  
24 committees established by the legislative council.

25 (h) The committee shall study and may make recommendations  
26 concerning all issues related to the following:

27 (1) Enrollment of each youth offender in an appropriate  
28 educational program, including:

29 (A) special or remedial education;

30 (B) a program in preparation for:

31 (i) a high school equivalency certificate; or

32 (ii) a state of Indiana general educational development  
33 (GED) diploma; or

34 (C) postsecondary or vocational education.

35 (2) Restriction of each youth offender to an area of a facility  
36 or program where the offender at all times has complete sight  
37 and sound separation from adults who are at least eighteen  
38 (18) years of age and charged with, imprisoned for, or

- 1           incarcerated for offenses.
- 2           **(3) Restriction of each person who is less than eighteen (18)**  
 3           **years of age who is confined in a county jail to an area where**  
 4           **the person at all times has complete sight and sound**  
 5           **separation from adults who are at least eighteen (18) years of**  
 6           **age and charged with, imprisoned for, or incarcerated for**  
 7           **offenses.**
- 8           **(i) The committee shall do the following:**
- 9               **(1) Operate under the direction of the legislative council.**
- 10            **(2) Issue reports when directed to do so by the legislative**  
 11            **council.**
- 12           **(j) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members**  
 13           **appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take**  
 14           **action on any measure, including final reports.**
- 15           **(k) Staff and administrative support for the committee shall be**  
 16           **provided by the legislative services agency.**
- 17           **(l) This SECTION expires December 31, 1999.**
- 18           **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act."**
- 19           Delete pages 2 through 6.  
               (Reference is to SB 577 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 1.

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**Chairperson**